THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Against a requirement of 43.7 million Tonnes of products, 42 million tonnes are estimated to be produced in the country during 1986-87.

(b) The country today is self-sufficient in its refining capacity, but there will be a balancing import|export of certain products to match the exact requiremens of the country. Efforts are always made to augment refining capacity suitably.

Off-shore rigs purchased by ONGC

1767. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has purchased some off-shore rigs from some firms of Japan, Singapore and France;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of those rigs were found to be defective; and

(d) if so, whether necessary compensation has been obtained from the concerned firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The details are as follows:—

Jack up rigs	Number
(i) Hitachi Zosen, Japan .	3
(ii) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Japan	1
(iii) Robin Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Singapore . . .	2
(iv) CFEM, France . .	1
Drillships	
Hitachi Zosen, Japan . .	1

(c) The legs of the jack up rigs built in Singapore and France developed cracks.

(d) The Warantee period of these rigs had already expired before the cracks and as such no compensation could be claimed from the suppliers. Claims have, however, been lodged with the insurance company.

Amount allocated to ONGC for Oil Exploration

1768. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to ONGC during the last financial year for oil exploration and other developmental activities;

(b) whether these funds were fully utilised; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) ONGC has utilised the plan allocation of Rs. 2100 crores (RE 1985-86) according to the available provisional figures.

(c) Does not arise.

Consumption of petrol and petroleum products

1769. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to reduce the consumption of petrol and petroleum products so as to save foreign exchange involved in their imports; and

(b) what measures have been taken during the last two years, year-wise in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), set by the Government in 1976, has been carrying out field studies in the organised sectors of industry and road transport, and education campaign in the unorganised sectors of transport, domestic and agriculture. Besides, PCRA has sponsored development of fuel efficient equipment and devices such as:

(i) fuel efficient low air pressure industrial film burner;

(ii) Nutan kerosene wick stove with a thermal efficiency of 60 per cent; and

(iii) Nutan LPG Burner with a thermal efficiency of 70 per cent.

In the agricultural sector, PCRA initiated rectification of lift irrigation pumpsets. During the last two years, 190 diesel driven lift irrigation pumpsets were rectified resulting in diesel saving of around 30 per cent in these pumpsets.

Against a cumulative expenditure of Rs. 5 crores since the inception of PCRA, a saving of petroleum products worth Rs. 150 crores per annum has been achieved by the various conservation activities of PCRA. In the industrial sector alone an annual recurring saving of fuel oil worth Rs. 110 crores has been achieved through efforts of PCRA and the industries. The balance of Rs. 40 crores is attributed to the use of fuel efficient equipment listed above and observance of energy conservation measures in the other sectors of economy.

Onshore drilling in Orissa

1770. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil India Limited has a proposal to go in for an onshore drilling contract in Orissa;

(b) if so, the name of the companies to whom such contract has been given;

(c) when was the letter of intent issued to the company; and

(d) by when the drilling is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M|s Richter Drilling Company of Australia.

(c) 22nd July, 1986.

(d) Drilling is expected to start by November, 1986.

Amount earmarked for development of coal

1771. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earmarked in the development of coal in the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the details of the development programme proposed to be implemented in the coal sector during the plan period and ;

(c) the names of coal mines which are proposed to be developed in Orissa during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Seventh Plan outlay for the coal sector is as under:—

	Rs. in Crores
1. Coal India Ltd.	6000.58
2. Singareni Collieries Company Limited	580.00
3. Research and Development	120.00